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## ***FDA Grants Indiana Farmers More Flexibility in Blending Corn for Livestock Feed***

(Indianapolis, September 27, 2012) – The Indiana State Department of Agriculture announces today that due to the drought's impact on Indiana's 2012 corn crop, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted ISDA's request allowing grain companies to blend corn containing higher levels of aflatoxin that exceed FDA's normal guidelines.

The move gives farmers more flexibility in feeding their livestock during a time of limited forage and feed supplies, while allowing safe and efficient use of Indiana's corn harvest.

ISDA sent the waiver request to the FDA Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, and as in the case of many other states, the FDA has granted Indiana's request under specific conditions. The FDA's approval would allow corn containing more than 20 parts per billion (ppb) of aflatoxin to be blended with corn with lower levels or no aflatoxin for animal feed. Again, this allows the corn to be safely fed to livestock pursuant to the FDA's long-standing guidelines.

As required by the FDA, the seller blending the corn containing aflatoxin must enter an Agreement with ISDA to comply with the provisions included.

A copy of conditions and a Certificate of Compliance are attached for you review. For facilities seeking to blend aflatoxin-contaminated corn, please complete and sign the certificate. A sample label properly indentifying the blended corn must be included on the sale of corn.

For additional information, please contact the Indiana Grain Buyers and Warehouse Licensing Agency at 317-232-1359. For more information on aflatoxin, managing corn in the 2012 harvest, visit the Purdue University Corn Mold Website: [www.purdue.edu/cornmold](http://www.purdue.edu/cornmold)

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